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In re Application of  
Goodwin et al. :  
Application No. 09/273,238 :  
Filed: March 19, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No. 812495-150/10.230 :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed January 24, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.<sup>1</sup> It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, if petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 2663 for further examination on the merits.

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<sup>1</sup> See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).